

The St. Lawrence Parks

The St. Lawrence Parks system is the major playground of Eastern Ontario. The Parks Commission manages more than six thousand acres of parkland along the St. Lawrence River, scattered through fourteen major campsite areas from the Bay of Quinte to the Quebec border. It maintains some 2,460 camp and trailer sites, offering a wide choice of location and scenery. Most sites are fully serviced, with modern lavatory buildings, electrical outlets and trailer dumping stations.

Day use areas have large sandy beaches, water safety supervision, refreshment stands and picnic tables. Many have boat launching facilities. All parks and attractions are readily accessible from Highway 401.

As well, the Commission operates two of North America's finest historic sites, *Old Fort Henry at Kingston* — take interchange 104 off Highway 401 — and *Upper Canada Village at Morrisburg* — take interchange 119 or 120 off Highway 401.

Attractions

Old Fort Henry, located at the junction of Highways 2 and 15 at Kingston, is a restored nineteenth-century fortress featuring a military museum, a guard and band in 1867 uniforms, with daily drills and artillery salutes, picnic grounds and an information centre. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in July and August, a spectacular Sunset Retreat Ceremony is staged.

(Visitors are advised to check beforehand as the Guard is occasionally on Tour.)

Upper Canada Village, located in Crysler Farm Battlefield Park, contains over 35 meticulously restored buildings and displays. The Village is a living example of pioneer life in an Ontario community of the period 1784–1867.

Both Old Fort Henry and Upper Canada Village are open Mid-May to Mid-October.

Wildfowl Sanctuary, located 9 miles east of Morrisburg off Highway 2, offers visitors the opportunity to view thousands of Canada Geese during the fall and spring migration along with many other species of wildlife. The sanctuary also includes approximately 4 miles of nature trails.

Crysler Maple Sugar Bush, on Upper Canada Road, 6 miles east of Morrisburg, Highway 401 interchange 120, illustrates one of North America's oldest industries, the making of maple syrup and products. Open to the public daily Mid-March to Mid-April.

Marina, in Crysler Park, offers docking facilities, fuel, groceries and dockside services.

Airstrip, adjacent to Highway 2 in Crysler Park, has a grass strip 1,600 feet by 150 feet suitable for light aircraft. Daylight use only.

Riding Corral, located near the Crysler Sugar Bush, features horseback riding through woodlots and open fields.

Upper Canada Golf Course, north of Highway 2 in Crysler Park, is an 18-hole championship course, with a licensed lounge and a dining lounge. The course, offering a quiet and relaxing atmosphere, is open from early May to late October. Pro Shop, Electric carts, clubs and pull cart rentals.

Winter Recreation. Acres of parklands are open for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and tobogganing, including 5 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 4 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails in Crysler Park. Horse-drawn sleigh rides through Upper Canada Village are a special feature.

Sailing, Yachting, watching the ocean-going freighters, swimming, riding, miniature and full-scale golfing, picnicking, camping, and more than a little history... all these things can be had within the compass of the St. Lawrence Parks System.

Facilities

Adolphustown Park, 32 miles west of Kingston on Highway 33, includes a United Empire Loyalist cemetery, picnic area, beach, 109 campsites including 27 with electricity for trailers, flush toilets, trailer dump, a playground and an organized youth camping area (available by reservation).

Fairfield Park, 12 miles west of Kingston on Highway 33, offers picnic areas, boat launching ramp, limited camping facilities and a playground.

The 1000 Islands Parkway, adjacent to the St. Lawrence River in the heart of the beautiful and scenic 1000 Islands Region, accessed from Highway 401 on the north and U.S. Interstate 81 from the south, serves an area rich in recreational resources which include motels, hotels, campgrounds, visitor attractions, gift shops, boat tours, marinas and dining facilities. For winter recreation there are unlimited acres of rugged woodlands for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Ivy Lea Park, located on the 1000 Islands Parkway 21 miles west of Brockville at the entrance to 1000 Islands Bridge, provides 143 campsites including 34 with electricity for trailers, as well as flush toilets, trailer dump, beach and playground facilities.

Brown's Bay Park, located on the 1000 Islands Parkway, 11 miles west of Brockville, comprises picnic areas, refreshment stands, beach, flush toilets, trailer dump, 108 campsites including 51 with electricity for trailers, a playground and a youth camp for organized groups (available by reservation).

Grenville Park, 1 mile east of Johnstown-Ogdensburg International Bridge on Highway 2, interchange 116 on Highway 401, offers picnic areas, beach, refreshments, playground facilities, 115 campsites including 44 with electricity for trailers, trailer dump, and a youth camp for organized groups (available by reservation).

Riverside Park, 3.5 miles east of Morrisburg on Highway 2, Interchanges 119 and 120 on Highway 401, features 224 campsites including 61 with electricity for trailers, flush toilets, trailer dump, beach and playground areas.

Cedar Park, 4 miles east of Morrisburg on Highway 2, Interchanges 119 and 120 on Highway 401, comprises 239 campsites including 52 with electricity for trailers, flush toilets, trailer dump, beach and playground area.

Crysler Farm Battlefield Park, 7 miles east of Morrisburg on Highway 2, Interchanges 119, 120 and 121 on Highway 401, offers a picnic area, beach, flush toilets, refreshments, information centre, an air conditioned, licensed restaurant seating 200, a miniature railroad, Military and pioneer memorials and the battle memorial building.

Morrison and Nairne Islands, 9 miles east of Morrisburg off Highway 2, Interchanges 120 and 121 on Highway 401, provide 124 campsites including 20 with electricity for trailers, flush toilets, trailer dump, beach, playground area and a youth camp area for organized groups (available by reservation).

Farran Park, located at Ingleside off Highway 2, Interchange 121 on Highway 401, includes a picnic area, beach, refreshment stands, flush toilets, trailer dump, 115 campsites including 54 with electricity for trailers and a playground area.

Long Sault Parkway, located between the villages of Ingleside and Long Sault off Highway 2, Interchanges 121 and 122 on Highway 401, with a 6½ mile drive across 11 islands of well-groomed parkland linked by causeways, is comprised of 4 major developed areas and 3 miles of nature trails on the parkway.

▫ **McLaren Campsite**, features 211 campsites including 50 with electricity for trailers, flush toilets, beach, playground facilities and a trailer dump located on Long Sault Parkway.

▫ **Woodlands Park**, offers a picnic area, beaches, refreshments, flush toilets, a playground, boat ramp, 231 campsites including 44 with electricity, and a trailer dump on Long Sault Parkway.

▫ **Dickinson Campsite**, maintains 230 campsites, beaches, earth toilets, a playground, and a trailer dump on Long Sault Parkway.

▫ **Mille Roches Park**, provides a picnic area, beaches, refreshments, a playground, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp and 234 campsites including 17 with electricity.

Charlottenburgh Park, 12 miles east of Cornwall off Highway 2, Interchange 127 on Highway 401, consists of a picnic area, beaches, refreshment stands, a playground, flush toilets, trailer dump and 159 campsites including 46 with electricity for trailers.

Glengarry Park, 2 miles east of Lancaster on south service road, Interchange 127 on Highway 401, has a picnic area, beach, refreshment stands, flush toilets, trailer dump, 228 campsites including 54 with electricity for trailers and a playground area.

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